

## REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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### COMMENTS SOUGHT ON BROWNFIELD SITE ASSESSMENT GRANTS

The September 24 "RR News from DNR" advised that the RR Program expects to revise the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant (SAG) program rules, ch. NR 168, Wis. Adm. Code, clarifying and improving some aspects of the program. We've now posted a list of proposed changes on the RR web site under "Proposed Changes to Administrative Rules" at [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi\\_regs/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm). You can compare these proposals to the current version of the rules on the web at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr100.html>. Interested parties may send comments or questions about the proposed changes to Michael Prager at [michael.prager@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:michael.prager@dnr.state.wi.us), or FAX 608-267-7646. We will consider these suggestions as we initiate rule revisions, as well as other comments that we receive after the Natural Resources Board authorizes public hearings. The proposed changes do not impact SAG applications that will be due in January, although we plan to update the SAG application form for those applications. SAG grants can be used for environmental assessments, site investigations, demolition, and removal of abandoned containers and underground storage tanks. If you can not access SAG information on the web or have other questions about the proposed changes please contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927. For general information about the SAG program, please see: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/brownfields/sag.htm>

### BROWNFIELD GRANT DEADLINES

Deadlines for some other brownfield grants are fast approaching. For more information about the grants listed here, please see DNR's Financial Resources web page at [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr).

- November 7 - Wisconsin Coastal Management grants apply to shorelines and waterways along Lakes Superior and Michigan. Grants can cover land acquisition, pollution control and more.
- November 17 - Proposed deadline (may be extended) for EPA brownfield grants for assessment and cleanup of brownfields and for up to \$1 million to establish a revolving loan fund.
- May 1 - Wisconsin Stewardship grants can be used to acquire land and develop recreational areas such as urban greenspaces, including investigation and remediation of contamination.
- August 1 - Waste Reduction and Recycling Demonstration grants can be used for innovative waste reduction and recycling projects, including recycling demolition debris.
- No Application Deadline - WI Dept. of Commerce Blight Elimination and Brownfields Redevelopment (BEBR) grants provide up to \$100,000 for environmental assessments and \$500,00 for remediation for governmental units of less than 50,000 in population.
- No Application Deadline - WI DOT Transportation Economic Assistance grants provide funding for road, rail, harbor and airport projects needed for economic development and are designed to achieve improvements quickly.

For more information about brownfield grants, you may contact Laurie Egre at [Laurie.Egre@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Laurie.Egre@dnr.state.wi.us), or at 608-267-7560.

### INCOMPLETE SITE INVESTIGATIONS

Technical staff in the RR Program, like everyone else in state government, are looking for ways to save time. At a recent meeting of our NR 700 Implementation workgroup, regional staff estimated that 25% to 90% of the site investigation reports (SIRs) that they receive are incomplete, creating a drain on review time as staff hunt for information that is not there. Publication RR-628, "Contents of Site Investigation Reports for Petroleum Contaminated Sites", is a good reference list for SIR requirements.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR628.pdf>. This checklist of NR 716 and NR 746 requirements was developed for petroleum contaminated sites, but can be applied at other sites by omitting the NR 746 requirements. The information in many SIRs is reviewed at the same time that DNR reviews the request for case closure. Responsible parties and consultants who want to facilitate a case closure request can ensure that their SIR will be adequate by paying \$750 for a SIR review prior to submitting their case closure request. For SIRs found to be seriously incomplete at the time of case closure review, DNR sometimes applies the \$750 paid

for case closure review to review of the SIR instead. In that case, another \$750 will be due to receive a case closure review.

#### VAPOR INTRUSION FACT SHEETS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has completed a new indoor air fact sheet for residents that may be impacted by vapor intrusion. In June DHFS also completed a fact sheet for environmental professionals on this topic. Both fact sheets can be found on the DHFS web site at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/eh/Air/>. If you have questions about these fact sheets you may contact Chuck Warzecha at DHFS at 608-267-3732.

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